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Appeal No.: 2009-013302
Application No: 10/783,131
Art Unit: 3661
Confirmation No: 7106
Attorney Docket No: AUTO 200 211US1

Re: Request to Reschedule Oral Hearing

Dear Chief Clerk of the Board:

In regards to the Notice of Hearing received on August 10, 2011, wherein it was indicated that an Oral Hearing for the above-identified matter was scheduled for September 20, 2011, at 1:00PM, Appellants respectfully request the Oral Hearing be rescheduled to a later date. The reasons for such a request are as follows:

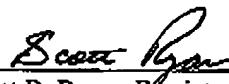
- 1) Appellants' Representative that has prosecuted this matter from filing until the current appeal is no longer employed by the assignee (Gentex).
- 2) This matter has always been prosecuted by Gentex's in-house patent counsel, with the exception of non-substantive filings, such as Information Disclosure Statements and Requests For Status Of Applications, which were filed by Gentex's outside counsel.
- 3) Appellants' undersigned Representative has recently gained employment as in-house patent counsel at Gentex, and has started managing the portion of Gentex's patent docket that includes this matter.
- 4) Appellants' undersigned Representative is the only in-house patent counsel employed by Gentex in the technology area of this matter. Thus, if this Request is granted, Appellants' undersigned Representative will have additional time to review and understand the application and prosecution history subject to the current appeal.
- 5) Appellants' undersigned Representative will be in Munich, Germany on September 20, 2011, and therefore, will be unable to appear at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia.

Appellants thank the Chief Clerk of the Board for considering this Request. Please contact Appellants' undersigned Representative if you have any questions or if you would like additional information. The contact information for Appellants' undersigned Representative is below.

Respectfully submitted,

August 24, 2011

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